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In re application of:

Yukihiko Shibata

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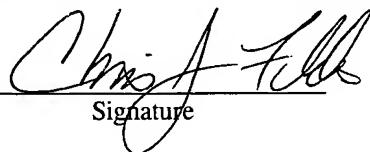
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Add new claim 9.

Amend claims 1 – 3, 5, and 8 as follows: